

The Time is **NOW** To Address Alaska's Education Crisis!



Underfunding is Impacting Student Learning

Chronic underfunding has led to:

- Overcrowded classrooms
- Program cuts
- Teacher exodus
- Reduced education quality
- Decreased student achievement



What Are the Results of Investment?

Investing in Alaska's public education system protects schools from economic downturns and provides key elements for academic success:

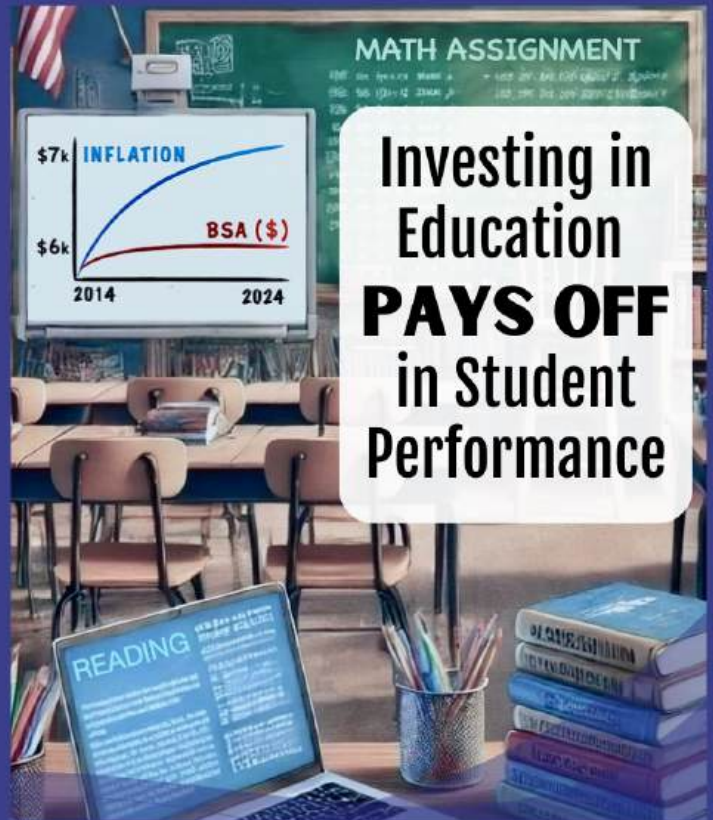
- Smaller class sizes
- Student support
- Fair teacher wages



Be An Advocate for Excellence

Encourage your local legislators and candidates to invest in our public education system, to ensure every Alaska student can excel.

- **Stable Funding:** Increase the Base Student Allocation (BSA) annually to match inflation.
- **Teacher Retention & Recruitment:** Competitive retirement program, rural teacher housing.
- **Student Wellness & Safety:** Address mental health, prevent sexual abuse, reduce school violence.



Investing in Education **PAYS OFF** in Student Performance

School Funding = Academic Success!

Recent studies consistently show increased school funding boosts academic performance and educational outcomes, emphasizing the impact of financial investment on student achievement:

- **Education funding decline has resulted in a decline in student achievement.**
- American University School of Education
- **There is a strong statistical relationship between increased school spending and student outcomes.**
- Journal of Policy Analysis & Management
- **Students in schools with higher budgets showed significant gains in both reading and mathematics.**
- Center for American Progress
- **School resources linked to higher achievement rates include smaller class sizes, student support services, and increased teacher compensation.**
- Albert Shanker Institute



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